

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1-4 were pending in the present application prior to this amendment. By this response, claims 1-4 are cancelled, and claims 13-23 are added. Therefore, claims 13-23 are currently pending. Claims 13 and 19 are independent claims.

Personal Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting a Personal Interview with the Applicants' representative on February 17, 2009. During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed differences between the claimed invention and the prior art. The Examiner agreed to reconsider the application when a formal reply is filed.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejection – Boku

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-241693 to Boku et al. ("Boku"); Claims 1-4 are cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

Furthermore, Boku does not anticipate new claims 13-23. With regards to claim 13, Boku does not teach, *inter alia*, a first adsorber having the refrigerant flowing inside therethrough, a first adsorber having an adsorbent carried on the outer surface for adsorbing or desorbing moisture, a second adsorber having the aforementioned properties, and having the refrigerant circuit thermally regenerate the aforementioned absorbers. In addition, with regards to claim 19, Boku fails to a plurality of dampers controlling the flow of air. Finally, claims 14-18 and 19-23 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 13 or 19, and recite all of the limitations of the independent claim. Accordingly, Boku fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations present in new 13-23.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection – Boku

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boku; Claim 3 has been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson, Reg. No. 40,439, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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